FAMILY
HISTORY
TROYER
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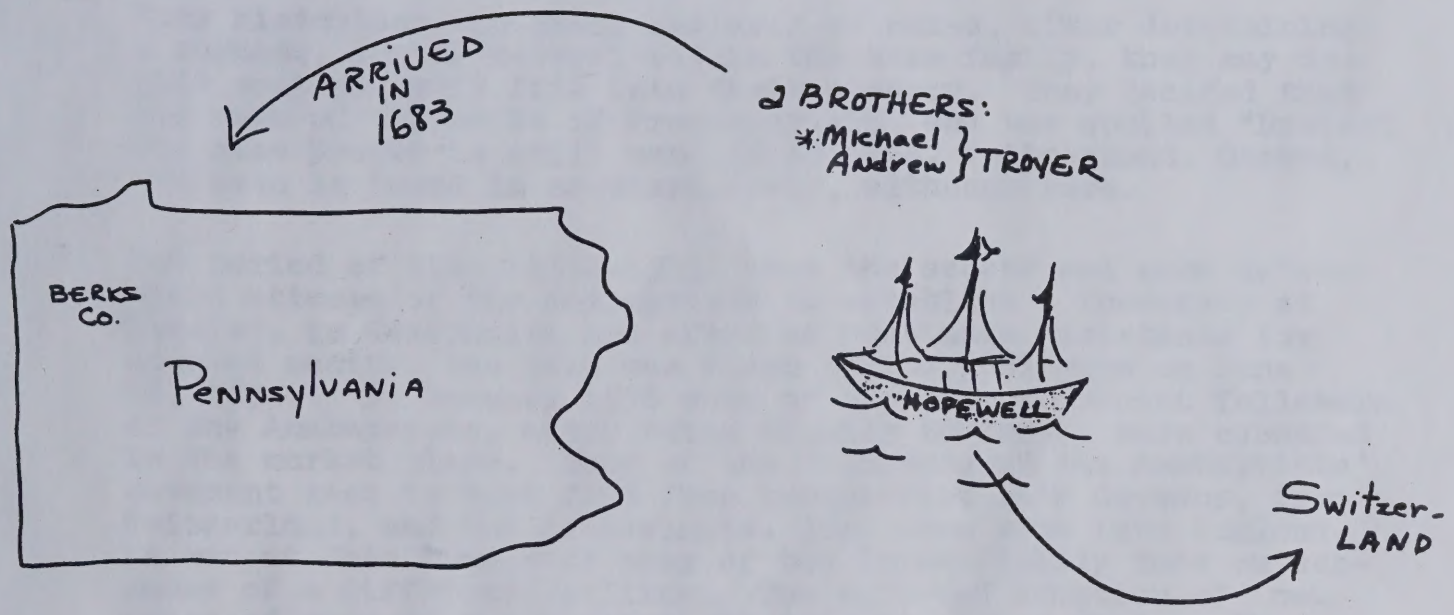

"Troyer"

A. Named by the Romans
B. Native to Allemania
   1. Now Southern Germany & Austria
C. Cruelly persucted because of beliefs
   1. Were Anabaptists
   2. Scattered —changed name spelling
      Switzerland
      France
      Germany
      England
D. Two brothers migrated from Switzerland to America

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EARLY RECORDS ON THE TROYER FAMILY

Many historians, in their research of names, after determining a surname, one of several within the same family, they may decide most properly fits into their history. They decided that the name of Troyer is of French origin and was spelled "Dreier". The name Dreier is still used in Austria, Switzerland, Germany, and even is found in northern Italy, although rare.

The period of time (1532-1535) when the second and more determined attempt of the Anabaptists to establish a Theocracy at Munster, in Westphalia and after an obstinate resistance for several months, the town was taken by the besiegers on June 24, 1535. In January 1536 some of the more prominent followers of the Anabaptists, after being cruelly tortured, were executed in the market place. Many of the followers of the Anabaptists' movement seem to have fled from persecution into Germany, into Switzerland, and the Netherlands. Some even went into England. It was at this time that many of the Treuer family took on surnames of a different spelling. The enforced adoption of new names of many of the Anabaptists made it easier to lose the historical identity of the many who really belonged to the Munster Anabaptists; but, on the other hand led to the confusion and classification of many with the Munster Sect, who had no connection with it.

Some of the 'Treuer' families adopted the spelling, Dreher, which defined in French means to turn or whirl; it is also an Austrian Folk dance in triple measure and the music for such a dance. Some assumed the spelling as'Treyer'.

The Anabaptists' movement having spread, notwithstanding many persecutions, many were executed in Bern, Switzerland. One of the first groups of martyers to be executed was a 'Hans (Treyer) Troyer'; he with others were drowned in the Aare River in July 1529 upon the order of the council. They were 'held under water'. This means they were submerged in the river Aare by the executioner until life was extinct. Until the year 1534 all of the executions were carried out by drowning. In November 1534 a mandate was published decreeing that Anabaptist men should be put to death by the sword and women by the water as there-to-fore

A Jacob (Treyer) Troyer was banished along with others after being "ducked" thrice in the Rhine, only to be thrown out after he was nearly drowned.

These punishments , put into effect by the executioner, generally accompanied by a grave digger, were done in all parts of the country and districts.

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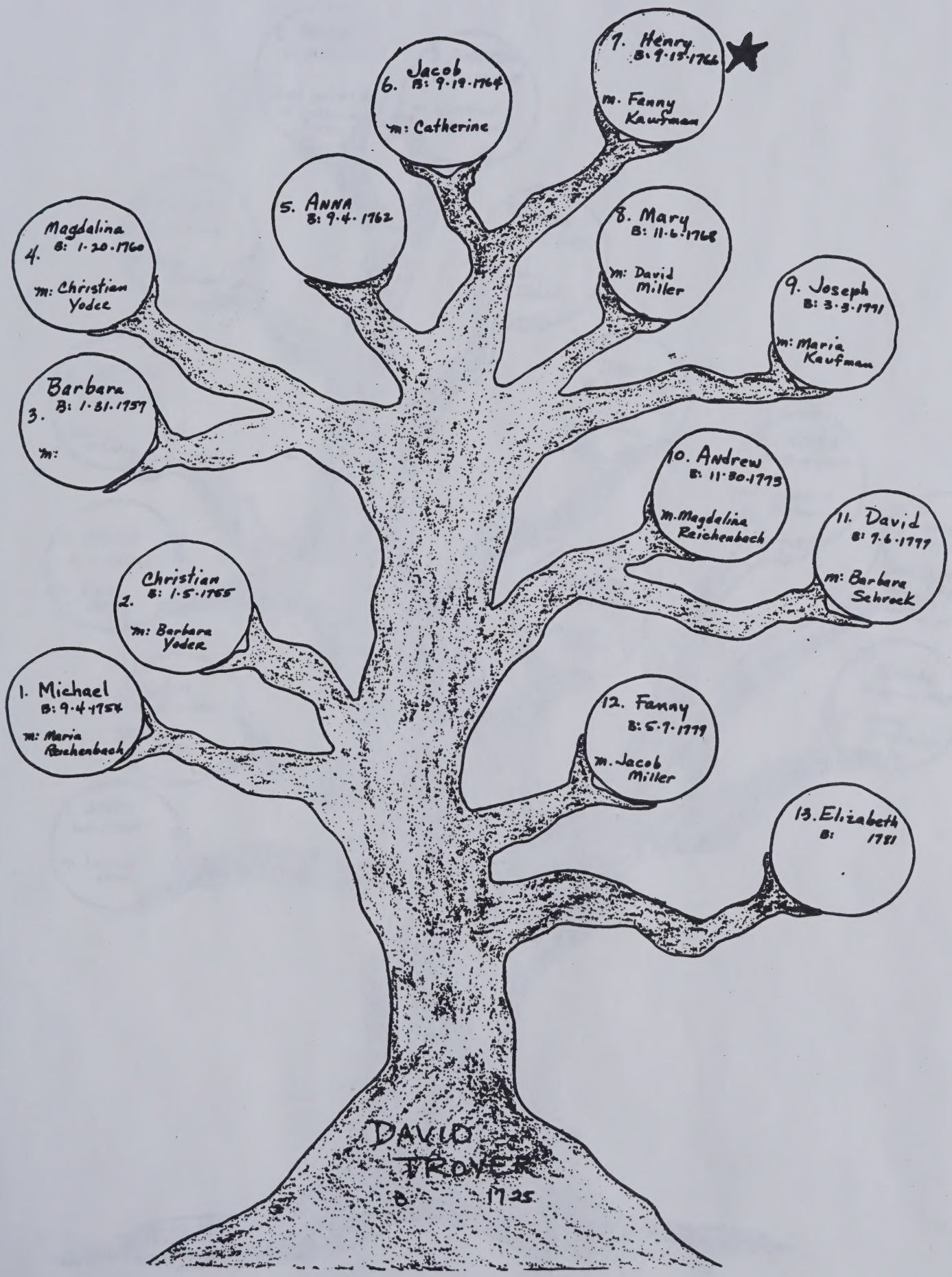
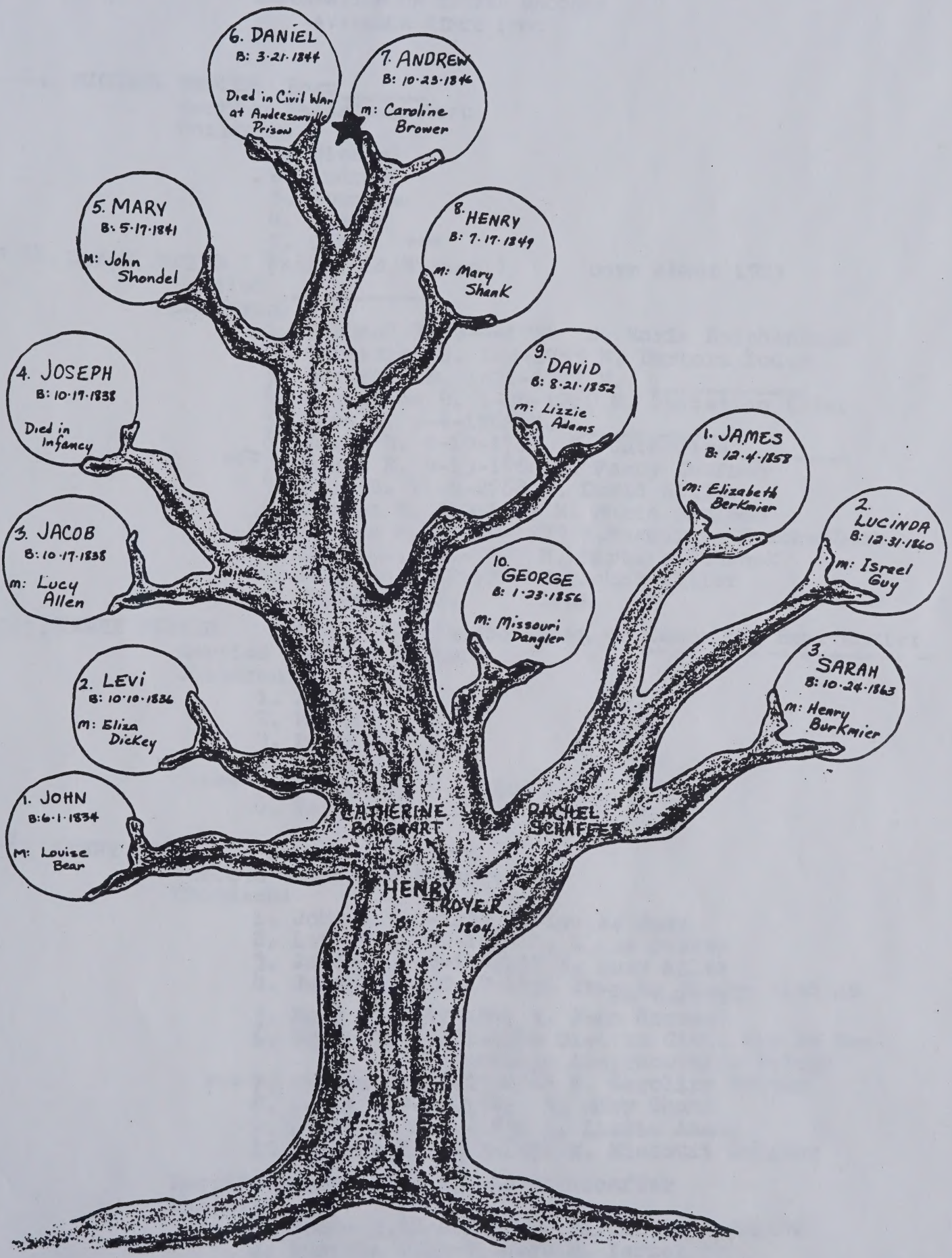

1. Michael
B: 9.4.1754
m: Maria Reichenbach
2. Christian
B: 1.5.1755
m: Barbara Yoder
3. Barbara
B: 1.31.1757
m:
4. Magdalina
B: 1.20.1760
m: Christian Yoder
5. ANNA
B: 9.4.1762
6. Jacob
B: 9.19.1764
m: Catherine
7. Henry
B: 9.15.1766
m. Fanny Kaufman
8. Mary
B: 11.6.1768
m: David Miller
9. Joseph
B: 3.3.1771
m: Maria Kaufman
10. Andrew
B: 11.30.1773
m. Magdalina Reichenbach
11. David
B: 7.6.1777
m: Barbara Schrock
12. Fanny
B: 5.7.1779
m. Jacob Miller
13. Elizabeth
B: 1781
DAVID
TROYER
B. 1725


6. DANIEL
B: 3·21·1844
Died in Civil War at Andersonville Prison
7. ANDREW
B: 10·23·1846
m: Caroline Brower
5. MARY
B: 5·17·1841
m: John Shondel
8. HENRY
B: 7·17·1849
m: Mary Shank
4. JOSEPH
B: 10·17·1838
Died in Infancy
9. DAVID
B: 8·21·1852
m: Lizzie Adams
1. JAMES
B: 12·4·1858
m: Elizabeth Berkmier
2. LUCINDA
B: 12·31·1860
m: Israel Guy
3. JACOB
B: 10·17·1838
m: Lucy Allen
10. GEORGE
B: 1·23·1856
m: Missouri Dangler
3. SARAH
B: 10·24·1863
m: Henry Burkmier
2. LEVI
B: 10·10·1836
m: Eliza Dickey
1. JOHN
B: 6·1·1834
M: Louise Bear
CATHERINE BORGHART
RACHEL SCHAFFER
HENRY
B: 1804

INFORMATION ON TROYER RECORDS
AVAIABLE SINCE 1700

I. MICHAEL TROYER Born_____
Married Magdalena Mast
Children:
1. Michael
2. Andrew
3. Abraham
4. Joseph
5. David ***

II. DAVID TROYER (Father is Michael) born about 1725
Married _____
Children:
1. Michael B. 9-4-1754 M. Maria Reichenbach
2. Christian B. 1-5-1755 M. Barbara Yoder
3. Barbara B. 1-31-1757 M. _____
4. Magdalina B. 1-20-1760 M. Christian Yoder
5. Anna B. 9-4-1762 M. _____
6. Jacob B. 9-19-1764 M. Catherine _____
***7. Henry B. 9-13-1766 M. Fanny Kaufman
8. Mary B. 11-6-2768 M. David Miller
9. Joseph B. 3-3-1771 M. Maria Kaufman
10. Andrew B. 11-30-1773 M. Magdalina Reichenbach
11. David B. 7-6-1777 M. Barbara Schrock
12. Fanny B. 5-7-1779 M. Jacob Miller
13. Elizabeth B. 1781

III. HENRY TROYER BORN 9-13-1766 Known as Henry the Bear Hunter
Married Fanny Kaufman
Children :
1. Anna
2. Maria
3. David
4. Catherine
*** 5. Henry B. 1804
6. Peter

IV. HENRY TROYER Born _____ 1804
Married Catherine Borghart
Children:
1. John B.6-1-1834 M. Louise Bear
2. Levi B.10-10-1836 M. Eliza Dickey
3. Jacob B. 10-17-1838 M. Lucy Allen
4. Joseph B. 10-17-1838 Twin to Jacob. Died as an infant.
5. Mary B. 5-17-1841 M. John Shondel
6. Daniel B. 3-21-1844 Died in Civil War in the southern Andersonville Prison
*** 7. Andrew B. 10-23-1846 M. Caroline Brower
8. Henry B.7-17-1849 M. Mary Shank
9. David B. 8-21-1852 M. Lizzie Adams
10. George B. 1-23-1856 M. Missouri Dangler

Married second time to Rachel Schaffer
Children:
1. James B.12-4-1858 M. Elizabeth Berkmier
2. Lucinda B.12-31-1860 M. Israel Guy
3. Sarah B. 10-24-1863 M. Henry Burkmier

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